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SUBJECT: DAILY ARA SUMMARY - JUNE 8-9

1. WE DID NOT SEND YOU A SUMMARY IN RECIFE SINCE THERE
WAS NOT MUCH TO REPORT AND WE DID NOT WANT TO OVERLOAD
THE CIRCUITS.

2. WE HAD A WORKING LUNCH WITH THE SECRETARY TODAY TO
DISCUSS HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE OASGA. WE WENT OVER THE
ISSUES. THE SECRETARY DECIDED TO GIVE A BRIEF INITIAL
STATEMENT IN THE INFORMAL DIALOGUE FOCUSING ON HUMAN
RIGHTS AND OAS REFORM, AFTER WHICH HE WOULD PARTICIPATE
AS NECESSARY IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS. HE ASKED TO MEET
INDIVIDUALLY WITH EVERY FOREIGN MINISTER PRESENT. HE ALSO
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AGREED TO LEAVE WASHINGTON AT 10 A.M. TUESDAY SO AS TO
BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE FIRST INFORMAL DIALOGUE SESSION. I
RECEIVED YOUR CABLE ON THE SCOPE PAPER IN TIME TO INCLUDE
YOUR POINTS IN THE DISCUSSION. PHIL HABIB, GAIL MCGEE,
BOB WHITE, LUIGI EINAUDI AND PATT DARIAN PARTICIPATED.

3. TALKS WITH THE PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS RESUMED AT 3 P.M.

JUNE 8. FIRST INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE PANAMANIANIANS MAY BE RAISING SOME QUESTIONS ON CERTAIN AREAS WHERE WE THOUGHT WE HAD AGREEMENT. WE DON'T YET KNOW IF THIS REPRESENTS

A SERIOUS PROBLEM OR MERELY TACTICAL MANEUVERING.

4. THE PRESIDENT MET WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS JUNE 8 AND GAVE A GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY RUN-DOWN. HE INDICATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE MOVEMENT NOW ON RELATIONS WITH CUBA UNTIL THE CUBANS TAKE SOME STEPS. ON THAT SCORE THE MCGOVERN AMENDMENT ON FOOD AND MEDICINE MAY SQUEEZE THROUGH THE SENATE BUT WILL SURELY BE DEFEATED IN THE HOUSE. THE PRESIDENT ALSO INCLUDED BRAZIL AS ONE OF THE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE MUST SEEK IMPROVED RELATIONS.

5. THE BARBARA WALTERS INTERVIEW WITH FIDEL WILL BE BROADCAST TONIGHT ON ABC-TV AT 10 P.M. EST. FIDEL IS REPORTED TO ADMIT TO 3,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS. HE ALSO SAYS THAT HE DOES NOT THINK NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. CAN BE ESTABLISHED QUICKLY--IN HIS WORDS, "MAYBE IN CARTER'S SECOND TERM, BETWEEN 1980 AND 1984." HE IS ALSO REPORTED TO GIVE WALTERS THIS MESSAGE FOR THE PRESIDENT: "I AM HONESTLY AND SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING RELATIONS, AND AM GOING TO THINK OF WAYS I CAN HELP."

6. ONE WAY IS PUERTO RICO. USUN HAS JUST REPORTED ANTICIPATED CHANGES IN PRC AND ETHIOPIAN VOTES ON PUERTO
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RICO IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 WHICH INDICATE THAT WE MAY NO LONGER BE ABLE TO COUNT ON ACHIEVING POSTPONEMENT OF ACTION ON A CUBAN-SPONSORED RESOLUTION. USUN CONCLUDES THAT THE KEY TO THE OUTCOME IS CUBA, WHICH AS WE REPORTED TO YOU THE OTHER DAY, NOW FINDS ITSELF IN SOMETHING OF A DILEMMA. USUN PROPOSES GOING THROUGH THE NORWEGIANS AGAIN IN AN ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT WITH THE CUBANS A SATISFACTORY FORMULA.

7. HERNANDEZ COLON, JAIME BENITEZ AND ABE FORTAS CALLED ON PHIL HABIB TODAY TO SEEK REASSURANCES THAT YOUR REMARKS ON PUERTO RICO DO NOT REFLECT A CHANGED OFFICIAL USG ATTITUDE ON THE COMMONWEALTH STATUS. I ASSURED FORTAS BY PHONE, BUT HE THOUGHT THIS GESTURE IMPORTANT.

8. DESPITE WARNINGS FROM BLUMENTHAL, BRZEZINSKI AND OTHERS THAT WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT IT, MARTINEZ DE HOZ DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PROPOSED \$100 MILLION INDUSTRIAL CREDITS LOAN. IT IS ON THE WORLD BANK AGENDA

FOR JUNE 16. THE ARGENTINES HAVE SAID WE CAN EXPECT
A "DRAMATIC" DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL SHOW HUMAN RIGHTS
PROGRESS BEFORE THAT DATE. WE REMAIN SKEPTICAL BUT WILL
ADJUST OUR RESPONSE AS WARRANTED. THE PRESENT PLAN,

APPROVED BY MR. CHRISTOPHER'S INTER-AGENCY GROUP, IS
FOR US TO ABSTAIN WITH A STATEMENT. WE WILL INFORM
SELECTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND THE BANK MANAGEMENT
BEFORE THE VOTE, BUT WE WON'T LOBBY. VANCE

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